Ngh
WHOOO
WHOOOO
……?
Ah!
Dam!
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
!!
AH, THAT'S RIGHT...
I WAS LOOKING AT THE PICTURES BEFORE SLEEP-

No good, huh?
HUH...?
NO
.....?
11 PM...? RIGHT NOW, IT'S MORNING, ISN'T IT?
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IS IT THE TIME DIFFERENCE...?
I GUESS, SINCE WE'RE NOT IN JAPAN, THE RADIO CLOCK ISN'T GETTING THE SIGNAL EITHER.
No Signal
COULD THIS ALSO BE A SIGN THAT THE DAY WHEN I CAN'T MEET THEM AGAIN IS COMING?

Chapter 11
Wet Southern Wind on the Red Reed Grass

PFFT
Pfft-what? Do you expect to take some family photographs?
WAHAHA- HAHAHA
Ah!
Higuchi!
Give it back!
WAHAHA- HAHAH
Oh, crap! I dropped it!
This is the rooftop! ROOFTOP!
CLATTER
THUD
SMACK
Good morning ♥ Ebina, Higuchi

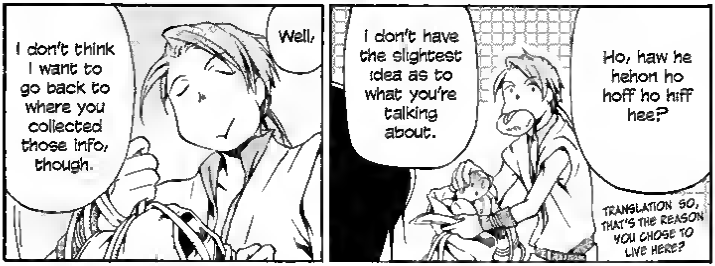
Het
it's Sonya-san ♥
G-
Granny ...
E-excuse me, Sonya-san...
Boys sure are full of spirits, eh? ♥
I'm looking forward to break-fast...
Oh? This is a cellphone, right?!
How do you use it? You push the buttons?
Hop
MY MY MY

G-GOOD MORNING, EBINA-KUN!
Go make breakfast!
Me again?
EH...?
Have you woken up? Ebina ???
Sakurai?
Ebina! This is-
...
Ebina, Ebina...
Soichiro ...?
SAKURA!!!!!!
Hasegawa-san's very presence itself creates a brighter atmosphere!!
Sakurai, aren't you being too mean to him?
What are you saying? He's more useful than Kyoko!
WAIT!!
Obviously! You have no worth other than that!

This is good enough, I guess.
Hot! Hot!
If it's with these ingredients, I wonder if I, too, can enjoy eating it.
THESE ARE BEANS, AFTER ALL
THE DRESSING'S INGREDIENTS ARE RATHER QUESTIONABLE, THOUGH
Bread products made from beans
Beans + potato-like mushrooms salad + Sonya's homemade oil and vinegar dressings Croutons + rapeseed leaves harvested from the back field
Perhaps, ever since I came here, I've never eaten to my heart's content
THOUGH, I'M THE ONE TO PREPARE THEM
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF FROGS, BUGS, AND SLUGS
Oh!
It's ready, it's ready!

They look so tasty!
Should I brew some coffee, Kyoko?
I'll carry it to the dining table.
Thanks, Ebina-kun!
Hase-gawa-san!!
Do you have black tea?
Well, how about Assam tea in a Royal Copenhagen cup?
Anything is fine!
But, this is really weird.
To think that there are even coffee and black tea here
Are you able to use electric goods, too?
We have no electricity here, they're just objects

For some reason, things like those are scattered around West Forest' area, so it's easy to gather information.
It's clear that time in Sekigetsukai and in our world are in a jumble.
Things which production dates and expiry dates from the future are also found here.


Well,
I don't think I want to go back to where you collected those info, though.
I don't have the slightest idea as to what you're talking about.
Ho, haw he henon ho hoff ho hiff hee?
TRANSLATION SO, THAT'S THE REASON YOU CHOSE TO LIVE HERE?

Ah, Ebina-kun, we discussed many things yesterday,
so I guess you didn't hear them?

Where are you going, Higuchi?
See ya!
I'M FULL.

Sonya and I will also be here.
Kyoko and the child are now wanted, they will stay here to watch the house.
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
Didn't I say that yesterday? You were there too, right? You didn't hear it? Hmm? Do you hear it now? Hmm?
"I'm going back to Latrec to collect things."
U-um, I'm really sorry for the last night. Sorry, I will reflect.
The troops seem to be on the move. If they find them, I'll also be in trouble
They must be recovered quickly
I've been leaving your uniform in Latrec's inn
What about you?
What are you going to do?

From here,
um, to that Holy Capital, how many days it will take?
three or four days. On foot, it's a week.
...
In there, An's-
Like I said, what about you?
Huh !?
U-um what about everyone?
Ah!
Sorry!
Yes, I heard it!
We said it, right? Just now.
MENACING
The possibility isn't zero.
But, on top that, Ebina An and this child are as alike as two melons,
in case they found out that An is a powerful rain girl, it's not hard to imagine that she has been forced substitute for this child
TAP

Whether that child is truly the Royal Priestess, or the successor to the role,
or the possibility that Ebina An did come to this world,
all of them are just possibilities, we can't prove them yet.
However, keeping that assumption in mind, it's easier to gather informations in the Holy Capital where the Royal Priestess lives
ONII-CHAN!

I...
will try going to the Holy Capital
I'm worried about Father, but if I can confirm An's safety-
...? What is it, Higuchi? To make that face...
!?
Actually, I was planning to make Higuchi join you in the grand festival at the capital.
Then, bring him along with you. You can make him carry the luggage.
RUSTLE RUSTLE
WALKING AROUND IN THE CAPITAL WITH A BLONDE IS JUST FRIGGIN' IMPOSSIBLE!
There-fore, use this!
ABSOLUTELY A NO GO
The witch's special dye!
DAZZLING DYE LIGHT BROWN
Crush it to use ♥

MASTER, EVEN SO, I THINK I WOULDN'T WANT ANY EXTRA WEIGHT
Take this too, Ebina.
Y-y-y-yes?!
AGAIN?! INSECTS AGAIN?!
Ng?
Light brown colour?
Colour Contact Lens
Eye color
What's this...? Contact lenses?
Wa-
Wait a sec
What are you...
GETTING CLOSER
Follow me to the spring down here.
RADUMP RADUMP
Anyway, just bring it with you.
It should serve a purpose, sooner or later.
Ju-
Junka ...?!

Wow! The water is so clean!
You can dye your hair here.
Let's go, Kyoko.
For real?
No matter how close this place is to the capital, to easily make this much pristine water gush out is unbelievable...
What kind of person is that Granny?!
She can do dowsing!
That won't make s much water gush out from this land easily!
More importantly, let's get it done quickly, Ebiten!
WHOA, IT'S COLD!
Hasegawa-san is bathing nearby!
SLIP

IT'S COLD
.....
SPLOSH
ぽっしゃーん
KKKKKK!

I slipped on weeds! I slipped on weeds, you know! I slip-
SPLASH
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

To think that you're so desperate to bathe that you don't even have time to take off your clothes.
Hmm ...
I slipped!!
But yes, I'm desperate to take a bath!!

Hey.
Junka, the contact lens from before, so his eyes-
SLIMY
Put Kiratao on your body and let them eat the filth.
IT'S CUTE
AAAAAAGGHHHH
They became light brown.
I remembered that the colour was originally a more solid brown
Up till yesterday, Ebira's eyes were a golden colour.
Since when did it change?
.....

Perhaps, at the same time when his hair grew out...
SPLASH
'kay,
this should do the trick.
Ooh, now this is a familiar sight for me.
The colour also looks similar.

towards my Hasegawa-san.
You never change, do you?
Next-
on
As expected from the witch
They're insects' extracts, however
Hey, Higuchi, about Hasegawa-san,
I don't know much, though,
she's from our school, right?
You want to start from there?!
Well,
I mean, she was wearing Kida High's uniform, but I don't remember ever seeing her
HONESTLY,
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF PERSON SHE IS?
Ebiten, you get Miss Kida High. .

T/N: as in becoming lovers

Naturally, to we commoners, she's an unreachable flower on a peak...!
And now, she's bathing in front of our eyes!
STICK
For a guy, there's a mountain that must be climbed!
THUD
Hasegawa Kyoko, Kida High class 2-C, attendance number 32.
She's was titled Miss Kida High in her first year.
Currently a member of choir club, playing part in soprano. Hobbies are tea-brewing, flowers-arrangement, and koto-playing, and she also attended archery club in her 10th grade.
The daughter of a top-grade corporation director, a high spec, perfect lady!!

T/N: koto = japanese stringed musical instrument. Archery? Of course, Sora is there too.

AAAAAAAGHHHHH
CURSE YOU, SAKURA!!!!!!!!!
BZZZZZZZZTTTT
Junka
A guy's romance is unfathomable.

Ebina doesn't remember anything about you?

Um...
but has he been a sis-con since long ago?
I heard that you two are acquainted.

Yes... nothing at all.
Y-

Silent and cool. Always looking into the distance, and avoiding the crowd. Often by himself, yet always helpful towards others, and has many friends. He was a mysterious person...
And the current Ebina?
YEP. WHEN I LOOK AT IT CAREFULLY, IT LOOKS CUTE.

Always spacing off, doesn't listen to what others are saying at all. He's looking like someone uncooperative, out of focus, and no one seems able to guess what's on his mind.
IN SHOCK
he hasn't changed one bit.

but Ebina-kun was always like this,
Well, I didn't know about An-chan till our reunion,

For him to stay the same.
Great, isn't it?

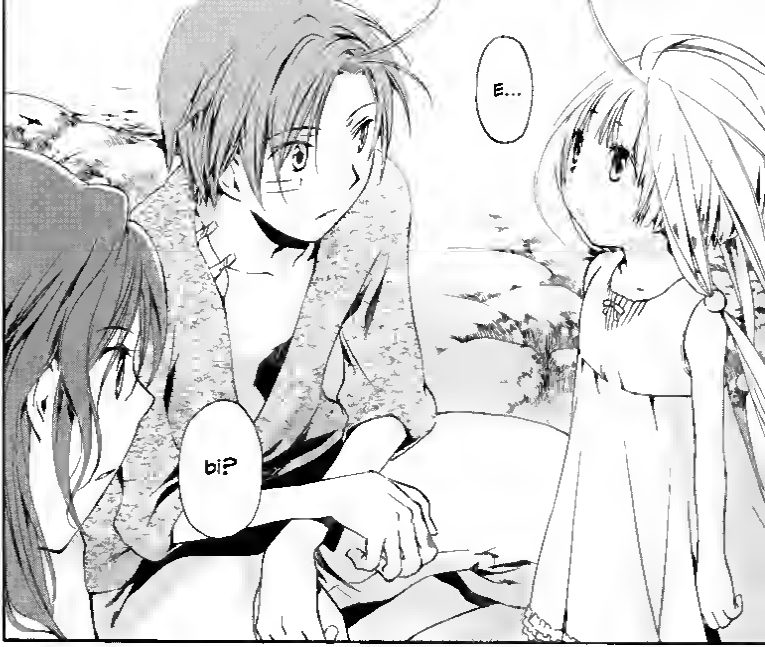
I think it's better to be true to yourself, though?
Oh, don't say complicated things...
Ah!
You can't go yet!

T/N. shiro = white,

T/N mizu = water
YOUR MOTHER AND I THOUGHT IT UP TOGETHER!
"SORA"
Mizu...
Huh? Was that no good?
Ebina-kun, at least, give her a proper human name...
OKAY?
Hmm, I don't have any naming senses.
She has blue eyes. Blue...huh?
IT'S A NICE NAME, DON'T YOU THINK SO?
"AN" IS ALSO A WELL-MATCHED NAME!
TWO FURIGANA FOR ONE KANJI CHARACTER.
Ao,
Ame,
Ama-mizu.
Mizu-oto...
T/N: ao = blue/green; ame = rain; amamizu = rain water; mizuoto = sound of water
T/N: furigana = pronunciation key

T/N: Sui = green, Hisui = jade

After all, I heard that jade is also used as a charm against evil spirits...
You thought differently?
Ah, well.
Sui...
I think... it's well-matched!
It's a very beautiful name.
Thanks, Hasegawa-san.
Huh?!
T-to thank me for that is...!
That's because, E-Ebi-Ebina-kun was-
Ebina-kun was-


E...
bi?

E...bi.

NI-
I...
-CHAN?
Ee...
bi.
NII-CHAN
This child...just spoke?!
TWO FURIGANA FOR ONE KANJI CHARACTER.
Sui...

Pleased to meet you,
Sui!
IT SUITS HER WELL.
END

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